



Parent Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

24th October 2023 at 7.15 pm

online

Present: G McGill (HT) J Lalor (DHT)
Craig Turner Victoria Stark Charlotte Boyle

Apologies: Louise Emans Councillor Susan Murray

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Mrs McGill introduced new clerk Charlotte Boyle and welcomed attendees then the meeting started with a prayer.

Apologies

Apologies as noted above.

HT Report 24/10/23

PC/PA

1. Very busy first term with next newsletter coming out shortly. Learning updates for each class continue to be posted weekly on Twitter (X).
2. AA highlight from last term was our Booknic which was extremely well attended by parents. Mrs Lalor and our new reading committee shared our reading journey so far and parents then visited classes, joining in reading activities like scavenger hunts and seeing each class Reading area. Every child received a book and treats and there was a lovely atmosphere in the school.
3. In Family Learning -Bedtime story club starts next week. Art club started today – the pumpkins looked amazing. Trinity Tots will start shortly.
4. Count Me in 4 week project started – only one parent so will continue to canvass as it is an excellent opportunity for parents to support their child in maths with fun activities as well as getting to engage with opportunities such as college courses for parents.
5. Ruth Nairn is the new Attainment adviser from Education Scotland for EDC. She was interested in good practice in Family Learning and our school was highlighted by

the local authority. She visited today, asked lots of questions and was very impressed with what is in place.

6. Mr Hood continues to develop PE and led the Healthy with Hood Fitness sessions last term. He has secured a Bronze Sports award for the school and we will look at the next level next session.

Book Week Scotland Update

Mrs Lalor gave an update regarding Book Week Scotland starting on the 19th of November. Scottish Book Trust will send out bags for the Primary 1, 2 & 3 as in previous years. Pupils in Primary 1 will be receiving book bug bags to take home containing three books and activities. Primary 2 and 3 will receive read write count bags focusing on reading and maths they will contain books and activities. There will be activities in class during this week for the whole school.

Halloween Disco

Planning Meeting for the Halloween disco was incredibly well attended yesterday 23rd of October. 5 Families will attend on Thursday to assist in setting up for the disco. 19 parents assisting in P1-3 Disco, 19 parents assisting with the P4-7 disco, 11 parents have offered to stay after to help tidy up and some staff members in attendance also. Mrs Hamilton is going to arrange to have new signatories added at which point any additional funds raised from the disco will be transferred to the PTA account.

Christmas Fayre

Due to the number of attendees in yesterday's meeting 23rd it was decided to make a head start on the Christmas Fayre plans. It was agreed that this year it would cost £3 per adult and £1 per child to attend, this will allow everyone to receive a drink and a cake in the Christmas café. The Let is in place from 11am-3pm for the 2nd of December this allows for 1 hour either side for preparation and clearing up. Angela for the kitchen has agreed to help out on the Saturday with soup, rolls and sausage and hotdogs. Mrs McGill has arranged for the flyers to be made, this will be posted on Facebook and has asked if everyone could share the post. Stalls will be available at £25 and if anyone knows anyone who would be interested they can contact the school office. Christmas jumper day will be held in school again with a donation of chocolate for the tombola.

AGM – Election of Office Bearers 23/24

Mrs McGill asked all present to consider taking on the role of Parent Council chair. Mrs McGill will support any parent who undertakes the role. The Parent Council chair would attend 3 EDC Parent Forum Meetings in the course of the year and feedback to the parent council. Mrs McGill explained that as HT she is unable to do this. Katrina will continue as treasurer.

PVG

Request for anyone interested in taking out a PVG to let Mrs McGill know. The more people who hold a PVG the easier it is for planning of events.

Mrs McGill thanked everyone for attending and confirmed Teams link for next meeting will be issued both through teams and by email at least 1 week before next scheduled date. The meeting was brought to a close.

Next Parent Council Meeting: 28th November 2023 at 7.15 pm